

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A system for presenting a virtual event through a network interfaced with the Internet, the system comprising:

an ASP administration module having authority to grant plural organizations access to the network;

an organization administration module associated with each organization, the organization administration module having authority to create plural virtual events;

an event champion module associated with each virtual event and operable to establish a virtual event architecture that accepts content for the virtual event from contributors; and

a contributor module interfaced with the network and operable to upload content from plural predetermined contributors to a virtual event based upon authority granted to the contributor from the event champion module.

Claim 2 (Original): The system of Claim 1 further comprising an attendee module associated with each virtual event, the attendee module operable to authorize attendees to view virtual event content.

Claim 3 (Original): The system of Claim 2 further comprising a member system module operable to establish membership for users to interface with the network.

Claim 4 (Original): The system of Claim 3 wherein the attendee module interfaces users with the member system module if the users are not members of the network.

Claim 5 (Original): The system of Claim 1 further comprising a rapid event generator associated with the event champion module, the rapid event generator operable to present an event champion with one or more templates that define the architecture of a virtual event.

Claim 6 (Original): The system of Claim 5 wherein the rapid event generator defines the number of attendees, the type of content and the duration of the virtual event.

Claim 7 (Original): A method for presenting virtual events through a network interfaced with the Internet, the method comprising:

- authorizing plural organizations access to the network;
- each organization authorizing the creation of one or more virtual events through the network, each virtual event having an associated event champion;
- establishing a virtual event architecture for each virtual event by the associated event champion, the virtual event architecture identifying one or content contributors; and
- uploading content by the content contributors from the Internet.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of Claim 7 further comprising:

- defining a predetermined time period for presentation of the virtual event through the Internet; and

- authorizing predetermined attendees to access the virtual event during the predetermined time period.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of Claim 8 further comprising:

- establishing membership to the network for an attendee before authorizing access by that attendee to the virtual event.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of Claim 7 wherein establishing a virtual event architecture further comprises identifying 30 one or more sponsors of the virtual event.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of Claim 7 wherein establishing a virtual event architecture further comprises identifying one or more exhibitors of the virtual event.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of Claim 7 further comprising:
previewing by the event champion of content loaded to the virtual event; and
authorizing the previewed content by the event champion for presentation in the virtual event.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of Claim 12 wherein the content comprises a video presentation.

Claims 14-17 (Canceled).